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## Details

Document Title: (U//FOUO) Hurricane Sandy After Action Report

Synopsis: (U//FOUO) After Action Report (AAR) regarding the FBI response to Hurricane Sandy, October 29, 2012.

Administrative Notes: (U//FOUO) The AAR was generated by the Critical Incident Response Group (CIRG), Investigative and Operations Section (IOSS), Crisis Management Unit (CMU), at the request of ADD Kevin L. Perkins. A draft AAR was provided to participants for review and feedback prior to the finalization of this report to accurately reflect the discussions during the AAR meeting that occurred on January 9, 2013.

This AAR is limited to the FBI's preparedness and response to Hurricane Sandy. Observations, comments, actions taken, and recommendations are attributed to a field office or headquarters division rather than individuals. They reflect the perspective of one or more individuals from a specific point in time and/or location. Others may not have the same viewpoint. That is not unusual and should be understood and accepted by readers. By engaging a wide audience across many FBI functional disciplines, the goal of the AAR process is to establish a ground truth the FBI, as an enterprise, can agree to so best practices may be identified and reinforced and challenges and gaps may be identified and corrected. Ultimately, the long-term goal is to establish clear, repeatable processes that maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of future FBI preparedness and response activities.

Package Copy: (U//FOUO) Hurricane Sandy AAR Presentation

Details: (U//FOUO)

(U) On 01/09/2013, an AAR of the FBI's response to Hurricane Sandy was conducted in the Executive Operations Room (EOR) within the Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC) at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ). The AAR was hosted by ADD Kevin L. Perkins and facilitated by CIRG, IOSS Acting Assistant Section Chief (A/ASC) [REDACTED]

(U) Participants to the AAR included:

(U) FBI Headquarters

- ADD Kevin L. Perkins
- EAD Steven E. Martinez - Science and Technology Branch
- EAD Jerome M. Pender - Information and Technology Branch
- AD Richard L. Haley II - Finance Division
- AD Michelle A. Jupina - Records Management Division
- AD Patrick G. Findlay - Facilities and Logistics Services Division
- AD Alex J. Turner - Security Division
- CMO Dr. David S. Wade - Human Resources Division
- SC Christopher H. Combs - Critical Incident Response Group
- Members from Operational Technology Division

(U) Field Office (via SVTC)

- ADIC George C. Venizelos - New York Division

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- SAC Mary E. Galligan - New York Division
- A/SAC [REDACTED] - Newark Division

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(U) The following discussion took place:

(U) Storm Overview

(U) On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy, a Category 1 Hurricane, made landfall in the Delmarva Peninsula in southern New Jersey and caused major devastation resulting from high winds, flooding, and coastal storm surge. Hurricane Sandy, also referred to as Superstorm Sandy because the hurricane merged with a Nor'easter, also caused blizzard snow conditions in western Maryland and West Virginia. Impacts from the storm were felt in 11 states on the Eastern seaboard and New England. The most affected field offices were New York and Newark. Public hurricane warnings began up to a week before landfall and in the immediate days before landfall the storm received significant national media attention. Refer to slides 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 in the attachment for details of Hurricane Sandy's path, size, and intensity.

(U) The AAR focused on the FBI's response in two key areas: pre-landfall preparations and post-landfall strategic response.

(U) Pre-landfall Preparations:

(U) Awareness of Approaching Storm and Potential Impacts

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(U/FOUO) Three days prior to landfall, RMD contacted the field offices in the projected path of Hurricane Sandy. RMD reminded these field offices to get their records off the floor and place plastic where needed. RMD also had a team of medically cleared personnel ready to deploy if needed.

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(U/FOUO) On Friday, 10/26/2012, at 4:30PM (EDT), the Deputy Director spoke via Secure Video Teleconference (SVTC) with Atlantic seaboard field offices and headquarters divisions to ensure field offices and headquarters were preparing for the approaching hurricane. During this SVTC, RMD again reminded the participants to get their records off the floor, place plastic where needed, and offered assistance if needed. On 10/26/2012 SIOC began sending three daily Situation Report emails as field offices from Norfolk northward reported the hurricane's approach and passing. These SIOC updates were sent on the unclassified UNet system. In addition, SIOC emailed information regarding an activated Hurricane Sandy Law Enforcement Online (LEO) Virtual Command Center (VCC), an activated Hurricane Sandy SharePoint site, and information on how to activate the CJIS Major Case Call Center 1-800-CALL-FBI telephone number as an available resource for impacted field offices.

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(U) Post-landfall Strategic Response:

New York Field Office

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Newark Field Office

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